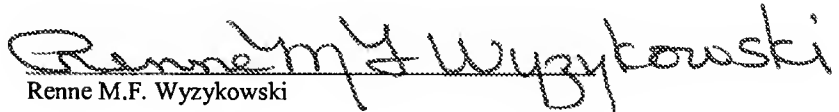


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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims Fee	23	*22	1	x \$26.00	1 x \$52.00	\$52.00
Independent Claims	3	** 3	0	x \$110.00	0 x \$220.00	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$195.00	\$390.00	-0-
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